

STATE OF IOWA
DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
UTILITIES BOARD

IN RE: OSAGE MUNICIPAL COMMUNICATIONS UTILITY	DOCKET NO. TCU-01-10
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ORDER APPROVING APPLICATION AND CONCURRENCE IN MAPS

(Issued July 13, 2001)

On May 10, 2001, the Board of Trustees of the Osage Municipal Communications Utility (Osage) filed an application for issuance of a certificate of public convenience and necessity, pursuant to Iowa Code § 476.29 (2001), stating its intention to provide land-line local exchange service in the Osage, Iowa, exchange as described in the local exchange maps in the tariffs of Qwest Corporation (Qwest). Osage states that it adopts the exchange map of Qwest. Osage served notice on all affected parties and no objections were filed.

Osage is a Board of Trustees organized under Iowa Code chapter 388 to operate a communications utility for the city of Osage, Iowa, and is a cable operator as defined by federal law. Pursuant to Iowa Code § 476.29(13), "approval by the voters of a city pursuant to § 388.2 of a proposal to establish or acquire a public utility providing communications services is conclusive evidence of the fact that the city has the technical, financial, and managerial ability to provide such service." The city of Osage held a special election on November 2, 1999, and the city of Osage has been

authorized by vote of its people to establish a communication utility. Therefore, the certification standards in Iowa Code § 476.29(2) are satisfied.

In its application, Osage stated that it will provide two-PIC methodology for intraLATA and interLATA dialing parity at the time it commences service.

The Utilities Board (Board) finds that it is in the public interest to approve Osage's application to provide local exchange service in the Osage exchange. Before a certificate can be issued, Osage must have an approved tariff on file with the Board that establishes the terms, conditions, and rates for local exchange service.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED:

1. The application for a certificate of public convenience and necessity filed by the Board of Trustees of Osage Municipal Communications Utility on May 10, 2001, is approved, subject to the requirement that follows.

2. At the time Osage Municipal Communications Utility files tariffs with the Board, it must give notice to all affected local exchange carriers. Upon approval of tariffs to reflect the prices, terms, and conditions of local exchange service, the Board will issue a certificate of public convenience and necessity authorizing the Board of Trustees of Osage Municipal Com r70U7(r70Ur70r70U7(.-9.-0.0006 Tws8 7p0006 .3(ty)18 7p

3. The concurrence in the maps and boundaries of the Osage exchange in the tariffs of Qwest Corporation is approved.

UTILITIES BOARD

/s/ Allan T. Thoms

/s/ Diane Munns

ATTEST:

/s/ Sharon Mayer _____
Acting Executive Secretary, Asst. to

Dated at Des Moines, Iowa, this 13th day of July, 2001.